

**BUSINESS REPORT**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**Date:** Monday, January 24, 2011  
**Place:** Capitol

**Time:** 3:12 P.M.  
**Room:** 102

**BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:**

HB 262 - Extend requirement for emergency medical service grant program

**EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:** None

**Comments:** None

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REP. Walter McNutt, Chair

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Roll Call  
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**DATE: Monday, January 24, 2011**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT/ EXCUSED</u>
REP. BILL BECK, VICE CHAIR	X	
REP. CYNTHIA HINER, VICE CHAIR	X	
REP. DUANE ANKNEY	X	
REP. TONY BELCOURT	X	
REP. RANDY BRODEHL	X	
REP. TOM BURNETT	X	
REP. ROB COOK	X	
REP. MIKE CUFFE	X	
REP. CHAMP EDMUNDS	X	
REP. RON EHLI	X	
REP. JOHN ESP	X	
REP. STEVE GIBSON		X
REP. ROY HOLLANDSWORTH	X	
REP. GALEN HOLLENBAUGH	X	
REP. BILL MCCHESENEY	X	
REP. ROBERT MEHLHOFF	X	
REP. RYAN OSMUNDSON	X	
REP. DON ROBERTS	X	
REP. TRUDI SCHMIDT	X	
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## HB 262 - Extend requirement for emergency medical service grant program

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**Please leave prepared testimony with Secretary. Witness Statement forms are available if you care to submit written testimony.**



January 23, 2011

Chairman McNutt and House Appropriations Committee Members,

The Montana Emergency Medical Services Association represents around 20 services and 600 members throughout the State of Montana would like to thank Representative Diane Sands for introducing **HB 262** that makes permanent the Emergency Medical Service providers grant program with funding from the unrestricted funds provided each year to the Montana Department of Transportation.

In the 1960's the Federal Department of Transportation developed Emergency Medical Services, as it is now known. They provided grant funding for ambulances, EMT training and equipment. That funding soon went away and since then ambulance services have struggled to provide the necessary personnel and equipment needed to maintain pre-hospital care in their communities.

The Montana Emergency Medical Services Association and their members request your support in making Section 12, Chapter 437 permanent. The passage in 2009 of the act, which provided the Grant Program to Montana EMS services and providers, was an important step to assisting local services. The extension of this program is very important for small communities to be able to continue their service.

Respectfully,

Jayne L. Rogers

MEMSA President

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January 19, 2011

Lindsay Spurlock  
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Diane Sands  
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Dear Mrs. Sands:

I am writing in regards to House Bill 262. The funds provided to volunteer medical services are extremely important for these units to keep their equipment up to date to be able to respond to medical emergencies. Many of the EMS units in Montana are volunteer units due to the rural nature of our great state. I am an EMT for a company in a rural area and we rely on the volunteer services of our community EMS. I ask for your support in passing this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lindsay Spurlock". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Lindsay Spurlock

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DATE 01-24-2011  
HB 262

# Emergency Medical Services Grant Program

A report prepared for the  
Legislative Finance Committee

November 1, 2010

Prepared by the  
Montana Department of Transportation



## SUMMARY

The 2009 Montana Legislature passed HB 85 and enacted an emergency services grant program. The Montana Department of Transportation was tasked with developing and implementing this program.

The grant program is funded for the 2011 biennium. MDT appropriates \$1 million each year of the biennium. Grant recipients are required to provide a ten percent match for any grant funds received.

MDT wrote the Administrative Rules for the program that were later adopted and then developed application material and award criteria (available at [www.mdt.mt.gov/business/grants\\_ems.shtml](http://www.mdt.mt.gov/business/grants_ems.shtml)).

In March 2010, MDT notified emergency service providers of the grant availability. In June, the first awards were made. Forty-two providers applied, and 41 were eligible for a total request of \$2.62 million (See Table 1). Of those, 23 providers received funding for a total award of \$1.04 million (See Table 2).

## APPLICANTS AND AWARDS

**Table 1: All Eligible Round 1 Applicants and Items**

	<b>ROUND 1 APPLICANTS</b>			<b>Amount</b>
	<b>Provider</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Item(s) Requested</b>	<b>Requested</b>
1	Cascade County SAR	Great Falls	2010 Argo 8x8 2010 snow trailer	\$24,557.04 \$7,911.00
2	Prairie County Ambulance Service	Terry	Ferno hydraulic cot	\$10,953.90
3	Red Lodge Fire/EMS	Red Lodge	Stryker power cot Stryker power cot	\$12,025.00 \$12,025.00
4	Colstrip Ambulance Service	Colstrip	computer & projector setup	\$1,800.00
5	Blaine 1 Ambulance & Rescue	Chinook	ALS manikin	\$10,883.23
6	Blaine County 1	Chinook	2 Stryker flex cots	\$24,773.40
7	Belt Volunteer Ambulance Service	Belt	Stryker power cot	\$11,146.50
8	Community Ambulance Service of Western Sanders County	Noxon	2011 4x4 ambulance	\$110,187.90
9	Memorial Ambulance of Fort Benton	Fort Benton	4x4 ambulance	\$126,000.00
10	Fisher River Valley Vol. Fire Company	Happy's Inn area (Libby)	2 mobile radios (interoperable) TNT extrication power unit TNT spreader Stabilizer strut Lifting bags kit 2 Stryker Stair Chairs airway manikin instructor DVD	\$12,392.10 \$5,422.50 \$4,905.00 \$3,461.40 \$4,047.30 \$2,482.20 \$1,057.50 \$445.50
11	Sheridan Memorial Hospital-EMS	Plentywood	Type 2 ambulance	\$63,522.00
12	Blaine County 2 Ambulance	Turner	Stryker power cot	\$11,882.88
13	Three Forks Area Ambulance Service	Three Forks	trauma manikin airway trainer OB manikin training arm 3 pediatric backboards backboard foam pads 3 mobile radios	\$1,048.59 \$1,370.25 \$522.59 \$454.11 \$456.00 \$12.52 \$7,020.00
14	Hot Springs Volunteer Fire Dept.	Hot Springs	2010 4x4 ambulance-McCoy-Miller	\$81,315.90
15	Judith Basin EMS	Stanford	type 3 ambulance type 3 ambulance w/Stryker power cot	\$100,620.00 \$111,510.00
16	Teton County Ambulance	Choteau	2011 Ford 4x2 ambulance	\$128,700.00
17	Roosevelt Medical Center Ambulance	Culbertson	2009 E450 chassis w/ 2010 ambulance	\$109,735.20
18	Lima Rural Volunteer Fire & Ambulance	Lima	PDA manikin 105lb. Extrication manikin 165lb. Extrication manikin	\$7,190.10 \$640.99 \$960.42
19	North Valley Emergency Medical Service	Opheim	2003 F450 Rescue ambulance	\$33,660.00
20	STAT Ambulance Service	Glasgow	75 safety cones measuring equipment class materials	\$1,350.00 \$225.00 \$13,500.00
21	Paradise Valley Fire Service Area	Pray	Stryker power cot	\$10,244.00
22	Philipsburg Volunteer Ambulance Assoc.	Philipsburg	Type I or III ambulance	\$104,835.00
23	Sweet Grass County Ambulance	Big Timber	GlideScope Ranger Video Larynoscope System	\$15,093.00



	<b>ROUND I APPLICANTS Provider</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Item(s) Requested</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
24	Jesse Ambulance Service	Broadus	Type II ambulance	\$69,003.00
25	Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital Corp.	Hamilton	2011 F350 4x4 ambulance chassis swap LP15 Defibrillator Motorola Mobile Radio	\$84,367.80 \$20,483.10 \$3,621.60
26	Blaine County 3 Ambulance	Harlem	6500 Stryker Power Pro Cot 6252 Stryker Stair Pro	\$11,882.88 \$2,932.65
27	Plains Community Ambulance, Inc.	Plains	2 Ferno Power Lift Gurneys	\$21,404.00
28	Fort Belknap Ambulance Service	Harlem	2 6500 Stryker Power cots	\$23,765.76
29	Philips County Ambulance Service	Malta	2010 Chevy Type III 4x2 ambulance 15 Motorola digital radios 8 Pro Lite Spine boards 4 ProPac Welch automated BP monitors 4 HeartsStart defibrillators 2 extraction rescue vests 31 Training aids - manikins, projectors, battery chargers, projector, screen, DVD/VCR	\$110,762.10 \$64,486.13 \$1,518.84 \$25,199.82 \$10,782.00 \$228.51 \$8,526.94
30	Dahl Memorial Healthcare Ambulance Service	Ekalaka	Stryker power cot	\$11,757.31
31	Wibaux County Ambulance Service	Wibaux	communications - 3 radios, 2 GPS 2 pulse ox 2 2010 4x4 wheeled coach ambulance	\$12,201.00 \$1,753.20 \$115,200.00
32	Arlee Volunteer Fire Dept.	Arlee	Medtronic Lifepak 15 AED + cardiac monitor	\$18,032.92
33	Bigfork QRU	Bigfork	23 XTS2500 digital hand radios 2 XTL2500 digital mobile radios XTL2500 radio/single head	\$51,577.36 \$3,963.99 \$3,427.47
34	Clarks Fork Valley Ambulance	Bridger	2 blood pressure monitors	\$6,840.00
35	Joliet EMS, Inc.	Joliet	2 Stryker power cots 2 Stryker stair chairs	\$9,548.06 \$5,142.46
36	Treasure County Ambulance	Hysham	Ferno hydraulic cot 35-x	\$3,924.00
	Glacier County EMS	Cut Bank	5 Life Pack 15 cardiac monitors 3 maternal/fetal monitors 2 hand held dopplers	\$121,079.63
37	Big Sky Fire Department	Big Sky	4x4 ambulance box swap	\$92,535.30
38	Whitehall Ambulance	Whitehall	new 4x4 F350 ambulance Stryker power cot	\$122,251.50 \$11,596.50
38	Madison Valley Rural Fire District	Ennis	4 jump/oxygen kits	\$1,575.79
40	Columbus Volunteer Rural Fire Dist.	Columbus	2 Lifepack 15's	\$47,250.00
41	Big Horn County	Hardin	Type 3 ambulance 4 defibrillators 3 DLF infusion pumps 3 Newport HT50 ventilators 3 I-stat diagnostic units 2 Sonosite portable ultrasound units	\$128,000.00 \$76,240.00 \$13,464.00 \$21,624.00 \$24,564.00 \$66,920.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$2,621,778.64</b>

**Table 2: Round 1 Award Recipients and Items**

	<b>ROUND 1 AWARDS Provider</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Items Requested</b>	<b>Total Awarded</b>
1	Lima Rural Volunteer Fire & Ambulance	Lima	PDA manikin 105lb. Extrication manikin 165lb. Extrication manikin	\$8,791.51
2	Roosevelt Medical Center Ambulance	Culbertson	2010 E 450 ambulance	\$103,041.00
3	Whitehall Ambulance	Whitehall	New 4x4 F350 ambulance Stryker power cot	\$133,848.00
4	Belt Volunteer Ambulance Service	Belt	Stryker power cot	\$11,146.50
5	Treasure County Ambulance	Hysham	Hydraulic cot 35-x	\$3,924.00
6	Blaine County 2 Ambulance	Turner	Stryker power cot	\$11,882.88
7	Joliet EMS, Inc.	Joliet	Stryker power cot Stryker stair chair	\$14,690.52
8	Community Ambulance Service of Western Sanders County	Noxon	2011 4x4 ambulance	\$110,187.90
9	Hot Springs Volunteer Fire Dept.	Hot Springs	2010 4x4 ambulance-McCoy-Miller	\$81,315.90
10	Sweet Grass County Ambulance	Big Timber	GlideScope Ranger Video Larynoscope System	\$15,093.00
11	Clarks Fork Valley Ambulance	Bridger	2-blood pressure monitors	\$6,840.00
12	Fisher River Valley Vol. Fire Company	Happy's Inn area (Libby)	2-mobile radios (interoperable) TNT extrication power unit TNT spreader Stabilizer strut Lifting bags kit 2-Stryker Stair Chairs Airway manikin Instructor DVD	\$34,213.50
13	Wibaux County Ambulance Service	Wibaux	3-radios, 2-pulse ox 2 2010 4x4 wheeled coach ambulance	\$124,425.00
14	Memorial Ambulance of Fort Benton	Fort Benton	4x4 ambulance	\$126,000.00
15	Prairie County Ambulance Service	Terry	Hydraulic cot	\$10,953.90
16	Judith Basin EMS	Stanford	Type 3 ambulance w/Stryker power cot	\$111,510.00
17	North Valley Emergency Medical Service	Opheim	2003 F450 Rescue ambulance	\$33,600.00
18	Arlee Volunteer Fire Dept.	Arlee	Medtronic Lifepak 15 AED + cardiac monitor	\$18,032.92
19	Blaine 1 Ambulance & Rescue	Chinook	ALS manikin 2 2-Stryker flex cots	\$35,656.63
20	Blaine County 3 Ambulance	Harlem	6500 Stryker Power Pro Cot 6252 Stryker Stair Pro	\$14,815.53
21	Madison Valley Rural Fire District	Ennis	2-Jump/oxygen kit	\$1,575.79
22	Cascade County Mountain Patrol & SAR	Great Falls	Argo 8x8 Snow trailer	\$32,468.04
23	Colstrip Ambulance Service	Colstrip	Computer & projector setup	\$1,800.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$1,045,812.52</b>

*Committed  
in FY 2010*